

**Town of Kingston
Animal Control Department
28 Evergreen Street
Kingston, Massachusetts 02364
781-585-0529**

ADOPTION PROCESS Information

The following information details our adoption policies and procedures. The process is implemented consistently. Adopting an animal may be more involved than you expect. The process may also result in your inability to have immediate access to a specific animal you are interested in. The best interests of the animals in our care is our primary concern. Our goal for these animals is to secure a permanent home.

KAC personnel will accompany individuals interested in adopting a pet during the initial visit. Spending time with the pet you are interested in ensures a good match. KAC personnel will provide the history and needs of the animal including the feeding and exercise requirements necessary. Adoption fees vary by age and type of pet. The Adoption rate schedule is posted in the KAC office and will be discussed at this time.

The adoption application process includes a discussion with an adoption counselor. Information required may include but is not limited to: identification verification; veterinary references for present and/or prior pets in your care; proof of home ownership or written landlord consent permitting animals in/on the property as well as a proven ability to contain the animal to your property.

Upon submission of a completed adoption application, all required information will be verified.

An Adoption Contract is generated for the first qualified applicant upon satisfactory verification of all required information. Adoption fees are paid by bank check payable to the Town of Kingston.

KAC will provide additional support information regarding spaying, neutering, housetraining, obedience training, cat scratching, veterinary care, flea and tick handling and any and all other questions or concerns upon request.

Additional issues to consider prior to adopting a pet include

- financial ability to provide for the care of the animal including food, supplies, license and veterinary care
- adequate time to care for your new pet including training, exercise, grooming and personal interaction

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ADOPTION APPLICATION

I have received, read, understand and agree to comply with the adoption process as detailed in the information handout provided to me. Initial _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ How long at current address: _____
Prior Address (if less than one year at current address): _____
Employer: _____ Telephone: _____

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Own Rent
 House Apartment Condo Mobile Home Other _____
Landlord's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

of adults in home: _____ # of children in home: _____ Ages of children: _____
Is any member of your household allergic to animals? _____

HOUSEHOLD PET HISTORY (List any & all pets you have owned in the last 5 years)

Pet Name	Type of animal	Age	Sex	Current pet status in house
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

VETERINARIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ Town: _____
I authorize the Kingston Animal Control Department to obtain a veterinary reference: _____ Date: _____
Personal Reference (if no veterinary reference)
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Please explain why you would like to adopt a pet: _____

This pet will spend most of it's time Indoors Outdoors Both

Your new pet will be alone (without human companionship) for _____ hours per day

Where will the pet be kept during this time: _____

DISCUSSION WITH ADOPTION COUNSELOR

- Adjustment to new home Expense Identification
 Health / Veterinary Care Feeding Exercise

DOG SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Leashing Licensing Housebreaking Obedience / Training

What outdoor arrangements do you have for your dog: _____

How are you going to contain the dog to your property: _____

How are you going to provide exercise for this dog: _____

CAT SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Litter Box Scratching Staying Off Furniture Chewing Plants

MISCELLANEOUS

Additional questions or concerns: _____

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true and that I recognize that any misrepresentation of facts may result in loss of privilege of adopting a pet. I understand that the Kingston Animal Control Department has the right to deny my application to adopt an animal. I authorize the investigation of all statements made in this application.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Veterinary Reference: _____

Adoption Counselor: _____ Animal: _____

Landlord Contact: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

APPROVED DENIED PENDING REASON _____